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## **Washington State Legislative Building Rehabilitation Project**

I just wanted to drop a note to update folks on some of the current and upcoming activities associated with the Rehabilitation Project.

### **Moving Plan:**

The movers completed their work on Tuesday evening, June 4th. They worked long hours and did a great job on a difficult assignment. Their efforts could not have been successful without the superior planning of Dee Hooper, and the support efforts of all the state employees that helped in this project. Those efforts were recognized in a special ceremony held on Monday afternoon (June 3rd) to turn the building over to the general contractor M. A. Mortenson Co.

Some items will be left in the building during the 1st phase of the project. The gallery benches in the Senate and House Chambers were moved to the chamber floors so that work can be performed in the gallery area. The benches and chamber desks would be less vulnerable to damage by storing them as opposed to moving them out of the building. The contractor will be protecting those items during the construction activity.

After extensive consideration and consultation, we also made decisions about the State Reception Room piano and central round table. After talking with the Chief Justice the Supreme Court, we decided to display the piano and the round table in the Temple of Justice Foyer during the Legislative Building Rehabilitation. The Temple will be going through earthquake repairs this summer and the foyer will have scaffolding from floor to ceiling to repair the decorative plaster. Repair work in the foyer will be from July 1st through August 15. Since we only want to move the piano and table once, we will leave them in the State Reception Room until the repairs to the Temple are finished. Mortenson will be providing special protection measures for the table and piano. Once the items have been moved, the piano and table will be a central display for visitors to experience a sampling of the grandeur of the Legislative Building. A special thanks to the Court.

### **Flag Circle & Construction Site:**

Construction fencing was erected during the week of June 3rd. The construction site is now under the control of M. A. Mortenson Co. and strict rules are now in place concerning entry to the job site. Workers that have on-going needs to enter the building must take a 1 hour safety/orientation training class before they can go on-site. A sticker is issued at the end of the class that must be displayed on the workers hard hat. Safety is the emphasis on the job site and all workers must wear hard hats and approved safety

glasses (including side shields). Job site visits for related intermittent purposes will be done on a “visitor” basis and subject to approval by Mortenson. In all cases, Mortenson has the final say on approving visits to the job site. Mortenson has the ultimate responsibility in areas of safety, liability and performance of their contractual duties. The project team is working with Mortenson on developing a listing of criteria for entry into the building during construction. If there are any questions on this subject, please feel free to contact me.

We realize that there will be a great deal of curiosity about the activities that will be going on inside the Legislative Building during construction. Our team is dedicated to providing as much information as possible about those activities. I will begin issuing weekly updates (and occasional pictures) to this distribution list and I invite everyone to forward these messages to their co-workers. We are also working on refining our Web site to provide current data and pictures. Our current site can be visited at <http://www.ga.wa.gov/quake/Leg.HTML>

Another aspect of the project that is gaining attention is the impact of the construction project on traffic. We have had many suggestions to improve traffic flow and signage. We are also looking at some significant construction activity on campus during this summer. As those plans finalize, we will advise everyone of the schedule and traffic impacts.

### **SPECIAL NOTE!**

The Washington State Patrol will be installing a modular office unit next to the Guard House at the east entrance to the Leg South Parking Lot. The unit is 10' wide x 32' long and has 2 rooms – each with its own exit door. This unit will be placed on the grass strip between the drive and the sidewalk (to avoid taking up any parking spaces). This unit will arrive on Wednesday morning (6/12) and will be in place for the duration of the Rehabilitation Project. It's prominent location and signage will serve as an emergency response point, and as a security deterrent to trespassing on the construction site.

Thanks for your continued interest and please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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